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The Best of the West

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2006 Pacific Rim American Chenin Blanc (\$11) There isn't much Chenin Blanc left in Washington, but Randall Grahm's Northwest project probably gets most **of** it. This vintage is 90 percent from Washington, with California fruit accounting for **the** rest. Though winemaker Nicolas Quillé is mostly occupied with Riesling, he fought to keep producing this crisp effort, with a breezy nose **of** fresh-pressed apple and white mineral, and a subtly sweet palate from a deliberate dose **of** residual sugar.

- Compiled by Jon Bonné with Lynne Char Bennett

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